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IN ADDITION TO REITERATING COMMENTS RE UNRWA FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT CONTAINED OUR 9983 (BEING REPEATED TOKYO), WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT AGENCY'S TOTAL STAFF OF SOME 14,500 INCLUDES ONLY ABOUT 85 INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS PAID BY UNRWA. USUN MAY WISH DRAW THIS FACT TO NOGUCHI'S ATTENTION, ADDING (A) THAT UNRWA HAS SLASHED ITS INTERNATIONAL STAFF BY MORE THAN HALF OVER PAST DECADE; (B) THAT--ALTHOUGH AGENCY MANNING TABLES ARE SUBJECTED TO CONSTANT REVIEW--FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS WOULD DESTROY UNRWA'S INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER AS UN AGENCY AND SEVERELY AFFECT COMGEN'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER HIS MANDATE FROM UNGA; AND (C) THAT GOJ'S LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN ENSURING ITS INCREASED CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA IS WELL SPENT WOULD BE FURTHERED BY MORE FACTUAL AND INFORMED UNDERSTANDING OF AGENCY'S FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE WORKINGS. BUFFUM

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